

# USDA/Rural Development

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## News Release

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### **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF POTEET**

**Poteet, Texas, February 5, 2004**— Bryan Daniel, State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced today that the City of Poteet received a \$1,458,000 loan and a \$1,000,000 grant through the agency's Community Program's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. The effort is part of USDA's national program to help provide rural areas with safe, dependable water and modern sewage systems.

"The USDA Rural Development drinking water and waste water treatment programs target public health benefits and economic opportunities in America's rural communities," said Daniel. "Projects such as the one in Poteet will help make the environment cleaner and protect the public health for local residents."

The funds will be used for water storage tank improvements and constructing a new sewer system plant adjacent to their existing plant. The project currently serves 1,100 residents.

In Fiscal Year 2003, \$64.4 million of loan and grant assistance was infused into 71 projects and 137,451 rural Texas households. USDA Rural Development's water and wastewater program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operated on a nonprofit basis, and Indian tribes, that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms, are eligible for assistance.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Seguin Local Office at (830) 372-1043, Ext. 4.

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